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OFFICIAL REPORTS

[All communications for this department must be sent to the office of the Editor-in-Chief at Rochester, N. Y. The pages close on the 18th of the month.]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE Conference of the International Council of Nurses to be held in Paris next June will convene in the third week of that month and will hold sessions on the 18th, 19th, and 20th. The precise meeting-place will be announced later. It is not necessary for associations to send formally accredited delegates, as the conference will be informal. All nurses will be welcome, and it is hoped that a large number may present themselves. There will be no special rates, nor official headquarters, but addresses will be given later of the hotels where the officers of the Council may be found. All official information will be given out to the three journals of the countries now in membership in the Council, viz., the *British Journal of Nursing*, THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING, and the *German Nurses' Journal*. Other journals are invited to copy the notices.

L. L. DOCK, Secretary for the Council.

CORRECTION

THE amount contributed by the Graduate Nurses' Association of Pennsylvania to the course in Hospital Economics was twenty-five dollars, and individual subscription thirty-four dollars, making a total of fifty-nine dollars through the medium of the State society.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

The annual meeting of the stockholders of THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING COMPANY was held at their headquarters, 14 East Forty-second Street, New York City, January, 1907, and a board of directors elected, consisting of the Misses Damer, McIsaac, Riddle, Samuels, and Davis.

The officers of the board are: President, Miss Damer; Secretary, Miss Samuels; Treasurer, Miss Riddle.

STATE MEETINGS

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A regular meeting of the Graduate Nurses' Association of the District of Columbia was held at Garfield Memorial Hospital Tuesday afternoon, January 8th. The Central Registry for Nurses, which was opened December 1, 1906, at 1723 G Street, under the auspices of this association, was the chief subject of discussion, and the report for the month of December was most satisfactory to all present. Miss M. A. Winner was elected temporary registrar.

REGULAR MEETINGS

NEW YORK.—The Alumnæ Association of the Mills Training-School has prepared a report on the receipts and expenditures of its club-house and directory for the two years since it was established, the figures of which are shown below. The success of this undertaking on the part of the Mills young men has been most remarkable, and many of our associations may profit by their example. The officers for this year are: President, I. M. Williamson; first vice-president, A. E. Horan; second vice-president, J. A. Quinlan; secretary and superintendent of the club, L. B. Sanford; treasurer, William Van Hoesen.

For the year ending December 31, 1906.

House resources:		
Rent received	$2658.20	
Rent due from members	178.75	$2836.95
House liabilities:		
Rent paid	$1992.92	
House expenses	808.67	$2801.59
Net gain		$35.36
Association resources:		
Registration	$1086.10	
Commission	1299.58	
Commission owed association	62.50	$2448.18
Association liabilities:		
Salary of superintendent, stationery, etc.	$1207.01	
Telephone	67.98	$1274.99
Net gain		$1173.19

Notes and interest paid during 1906	$337.50
Notes, bills and interest outstanding December 31, 1906	509.93

Cash receipts for year	$5017.63	
Cash paid out for year	4466.63	$551.00
Cash on hand from 1905		433.31
Cash on hand December 31, 1906		$984.31

Number of cases during year	507
Number of men on list	117
Number of men in house	22

Since December 31, 1906, all indebtedness has been paid in full.

Respectfully,

I. M. WILLIAMSON, President and Auditor.
L. B. SANFORD, Secretary.
WM. VAN HOESEN, Treasurer.

BOSTON.—On New Year's evening the Nurses' Alumnæ of the Massachusetts General Hospital held a reception in the Thayer Library, which was tastefully decorated. On the receiving committee were Miss Anderson, Mrs. H. L. Burrell, Miss Helen Finley, Miss Agnes E. Aikman, Miss Grace Beattie. The graduating class was invited, and during the evening Mrs. Johannesson (one of the first class to graduate) gave reminiscences of the old times in the hospital. The members wished the graduates success, and hoped they would soon be members too. Excellent music was furnished, and refreshments were served by the committee in charge. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

ENGLEWOOD, N. J.—The graduates of the Englewood Hospital met in July, for the purpose of forming an Alumnæ association.

After appointing officers, it was decided to hold the meetings the first Thursday in every month, beginning in November; at which meeting it was decided to frame a constitution and by-laws.

The Secretary, Miss Chisholm, was requested to write Miss Flint, our president, expressing regret and sympathy for her in her trying illness.

A discussion was started as to the advisability of a club-house. The motion was laid on the table for the present.

After coffee, cake, and conversation were indulged in, the meeting adjourned till February 4th.

CHICAGO, ILL.—At a bazaar given by the Michael Reese Nurses of Chicago on the afternoon and evening of November 22d, the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars was realized.

The bazaar was given for the purpose of raising two thousand dollars to endow a room for sick nurses in the new hospital. A special meeting was called to decide what to do with the surplus, and the following plan was decided upon: To take two thousand dollars of the proceeds of the bazaar and endow a room for sick nurses, to be called the "Michael Reese Nurses Alumnæ Room," the remaining fifteen hundred to be added to the sick benefit fund, giving a larger amount than is needed, so it was proposed to take one-half of this sum and invest in a first mortgage. The society has also a separate fund amounting to sixteen hundred dollars, which was started about one year ago from the sale of "Rules of Conduct," written by Miss Louise Waddell and found in her purse after her death. The "Rules" have been beautifully lithographed and sell for one dollar. It is proposed to use this money for a sinking fund to be known as the "Louise Waddell Fund." Any nurse needing the aid of such a fund in case of protracted illness or other emergency may apply to the committee in charge, said committee to consist of five members appointed by the Alumnæ, to serve terms respectively of five years, four years, three years, two years, and one year.

It is also thought advisable that half of this fund be invested by a competent business man, as it will increase indefinitely as additional copies of the "Rules" are sold.

CARTHAGE, MO.—An association to be known as the Southwestern Missouri Association of Graduate Nurses was formed at Carthage, Missouri, December 10th, Miss Mary E. James, graduate of Mercy Hospital, Davenport, Iowa,

president. Much interest in the state movement for registration was shown, and a delegate was appointed to attend the state meeting at St. Louis, December 12th and 13th.

CHESTER, PA.—The graduate nurses of Chester Hospital, Chester, Pennsylvania, organized an Alumnæ Association, November 9, 1906. Officers were elected as follows: President, Miss Mae Disert; vice-president, Miss Clara Hoskins; secretary, Miss Cora Jane Welker; treasurer, Miss Anna Brobson.

The constitution was read and adopted Tuesday, January 15, 1907.

The object of the association is for mutual help and protection, to advance the standing and best interests of the trained nurse, to promote social intercourse and good-fellowship among the graduates.

ORANGE, N. J.—The regular meeting of the Orange Training-School Alumnæ Association was held at the Visiting Nurses' Settlement, 24 Valley Street, Wednesday, January 16th. The meeting was called to order by the president, Miss Martha Clarke. The question of endowing a room for the use of graduate nurses in the Orange Memorial Hosiptal was discussed. No decision was reached, as the sentiment of the association appeared to be in favor of considering some other plan of caring for nurses in ill health. The question of establishing a central nurses' registry for the Oranges was brought before the meeting. Owing to limited time, and in order to give opportunity to the members for careful consideration of the subject, the matter was laid over to the next meeting for discussion.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—The monthly meeting of the Brooklyn Hospital Training-School Alumnæ was held at the training-school January 1st. The principal business of the meeting was the appointment of a committee of five to choose a site for a club-house and to start one as soon as possible, borrowing fifteen hundred dollars ($1500.00) from the endowment fund for that purpose. After the business meeting, Mrs. Leonidas Hubbard, a graduate of the school, gave an interesting talk on her trip to Labrador, with a descriptive account of the villages through which she passed, and her reception by the Nanscopee Indians, their habits and dress.

Refreshments were served after the meeting adjourned.

NEW YORK.—The officers and trustees of the New York City Alumnæ for the coming year are: President, Dr. Sarah C. Silver-White; first vice-president, Miss J. Amanda Silver, R. N.; second vice-president, Miss Helen M. Sheehan, R. N.; recording secretary, Miss Inie E. Aldrich, R. N.; corresponding secretary, Miss H. Grace Franklin, R. N.; financial secretary, Miss Elizabeth Gregg; treasurer, Mrs. T. Hines Nason, R. N.; trustees, Miss D. M. Lamb, R. N., chairman; Mrs. Clinton Stevenson, Miss Jessie A. Stoovers, R. N., Miss Helen M. Sheehan, R. N., Miss E. J. Hopkins, R. N., Miss Frances E. Meyer, Miss Martha E. Bollerman, R. N., Miss Mary E. Ryan, Miss E. Blanche Kline, R. N., Miss Helen M. Patterson.

NEW YORK.—The annual meeting of the New York Post-Graduate Nurses' Alumnæ Association was held on January 8th, with a good attendance. The review of the year's work was very satisfactory in all departments. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Miss Charlotte Ehrlichea; first vice-president, Miss Caroline Vail; second vice-president, Miss Eleanor Stewart; third vice-president, Miss Elizabeth Kob; fourth vice-president, Miss Lena Gallup; treasurer, Miss Celia MacDonald, Post-Graduate Hospital; secretary, Miss Gertrude Selden, 131 West 143d Street.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—The Hennepin County Graduate Nurses' Association held their regular monthly meeting at three o'clock Thursday afternoon, January 10th, at the residence of Dr. Marion A. Mead, on Third Ave. S. At four o'clock Dr. Arthur T. Mann, surgeon, closed his series of lectures on "Bandaging." For bandaging, prizes were awarded to Miss Porter, superintendent of the Swedish Hospital, and Miss Agnes Peterson, of the Northwestern Hospital.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—On November 22, 1906, the annual dinner was given to the Alumnæ Association of Charity Hospital Training-School for Nurses by the Sisters in charge.

The room was well decorated, an excellent dinner was served, and a very pleasant evening spent. Afterward a business meeting was held, and officers elected for the coming year.

SAVANNAH, GA.—The third annual meeting of the Graduate Nurses' Association of Savannah was held on December 29, at the Savannah Hospital.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Miss M. B. Wilson; vice-president, Miss N. Johnston; treasurer, Miss J. Romeo; secretary, Miss M. Clark; executive committee, Miss M. A. Owens, Miss M. McCall, Miss M. Cunningham.

After the meeting the association was entertained by Miss Wilson, president of the association, and superintendent of nurses at the Savannah Hospital.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM, PA.—The annual meeting of the Alumnæ Association of St. Luke's Hospital, of South Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, was held on October 18, 1906, and it was unanimously decided by those present to establish a fund for endowing a room in the hospital for graduate nurses. There has been prompt response to the written notices sent out, and it is hoped that this fund will grow rapidly.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—The Alumnæ of the New York State School for Training Nurses held their annual meeting at the Prospect Heights Hospital on Tuesday evening, January 8. There was just a quorum present, and the president presided.

After the unfinished business came election of officers, and the president

was reëlected. Four nurses applied for membership and were elected. They were Miss Fling, Miss Tibber, Miss Gosling, and Miss Smith.

There are now fifty-eight nurses enrolled as members of the Alumnæ Association.

A discussion of a sick benefit fund has been laid on the table at each business meeting for the past year. Some of our members are in favor of a fund, whereas others prefer endowing a room in the hospital. A great many members have failed to respond to the appeal, so nothing definite has been decided. Fairs, theatres, etc., were discussed as a means of raising money, but that also had to be laid aside on account of the few members present.

A luncheon was given at the Hotel St. George on Thursday, December 27, and those present enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon. The decorations were carried out in Christmas colors.

The new officers for the year 1907 are as follows: Miss Eva H. Branch, president; Miss Hannah C. Lee, first vice-president; Miss Anna Nye, second vice-president; Miss Catherine Escott, recording secretary; Miss Ida M. Oliver, corresponding secretary; Miss Gertrude Keefer, treasurer.

PERSONAL

THE Nurses' Library of the Toronto General received a present of fifty volumes on Christmas Day.

MISS VERA WHITNEY, graduate Victoria Hospital, London, Ontario, has been very ill with typhoid fever at Traverse Hospital, Traverse, Michigan.

MISS ALICE A. GORMAN resigned her position as superintendent of the Bridgeport Hospital on November 1st, and is for the present in New York City.

MISS S. F. PALMER has been unable to perform her full duties during the month because of an attack of grippe, from the effects of which she is now regaining her strength.

MISS ANNIE HARTLEY, who has been absent from Toronto for the last six months, owing to the illness and death of her sister, will return to her duties as night supervisor in the Toronto General Hospital, February 15th.

MISS MARGARET B. COWLING, graduate of the University of Maryland, has accepted the position of superintendent at the Hospital for the Relief of Crippled and Deformed Children, 2000 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

MISS H. GRACE FRANKLIN, R.N., late superintendent of the New York Medical College Hospital for Women, also superintendent of the Lozier Memorial Training-School for Nurses, New York, has gone to Kalispell, Montana, to take charge of a hospital.

MISS ELISABETH COCKE, of Bon-Air, Virginia, class of 1900, Old Dominion Hospital Alumnæ, after an illness of several months with chronic appendicitis, was operated on late in November, at the Memorial Hospital, Richmond, Virginia, and has made a most satisfactory recovery.

MISS KATHERINE H. PANTON, R.N., late assistant superintendent of New York Medical College Hospital for Women, also assistant superintendent Lozier Memorial Training-School for Nurses, New York, has accepted the position of lady superintendent of the Jubilee Hospital, Canada.

MISS BRENT, superintendent of the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, has been spending her vacation in Los Angeles, California. Miss Brent returns to Toronto in January. It is expected that the new Nurses' Residence, donated by Mr. John Ross Robertson, will be dedicated February 5.

DR. LAURA HUGHES, president of the Spanish-American War Nurses, has been for a number of weeks seriously ill with acute rheumatism, from which she is now convalescing. The Woman's Auxiliary to the United Spanish War Veterans, of which Dr. Hughes is the National Surgeon, has named the Newton, Massachusetts, branch the Laura A. C. Hughes Auxiliary.

MISS LILLA SHEPARD, upon her departure from the Guelph, Ontario, General Hospital, of which institution she has been the superintendent for a number of years, received a very complimentary ovation from the people of the city, expressed in a reception where addresses were given, and much regret expressed at her departure, by the most prominent and influential people of the town. On December 3d the Ladies' Aid Association presented her with an address and a purse of gold.

BIRTHS

ON December 2d, to Mrs. James H. Fowler (*née* Leader, Illinois Training-School) a daughter.

ON December 15, 1906, to Mrs. Rena Behrend, *née* Dornberg, graduate of the Jewish Hospital, Philadelphia, twins, a boy and a girl.

AT Siler City, North Carolina, on September 19, 1906, to Mrs. Joel L. Hill, *née* Harriet Bynum (St. Luke's, South Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, class 1902), a daughter.

MARRIAGES

ON October 3, 1906, in St. Paul, Minnesota, Miss Mary Louise McCormick to Mr. Patrick J. Moran. Mr. and Mrs. Moran will live in New York City.

AT Rockville, Indiana, on December 27, 1906, Miss Whitted, graduate of the Provident Hospital, Chicago, to Mr. Young. Mr. and Mrs. Young will make their home in Panama for at least a year.

AT Newark, New Jersey, December 26, 1906, Miss Elizabeth Kinnaird Erskine, class of 1906, Newark City Hospital, New Jersey, to Dr. Harry B. Williams, of Newark, New York. Dr. and Mrs. Williams will make their home in Newark, New York.

OBITUARY

DIED on January 7, 1907, at Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, Miss Sarah Emlyn Winter, graduate of the Metropolitan Training-School, class of 1904.

DIED at Owen Sound on December 10, 1906, Eliza Loss Sewrey, graduate of the Toronto General Hospital Training-School for Nurses, class of 1896.

DIED at Southern Pines, December 31st, Miss Frances C. Moore, a graduate of the Boston City Hospital. Miss Moore was a woman much beloved by friends and patients.

DIED at St. Johns, N. B., December 16, 1906, Miss Clara J. Shaw. The deceased was a graduate of the Newport Hospital, class of 1893, and for several years had been engaged in private nursing in Washington, D. C.

AT New Orleans, Louisiana, on December 4, 1906, after a lingering illness, Miss Philomene Comford, a graduate of the Charity Hospital Training-School for Nurses, New Orleans, class of 1903. Miss Comford was an earnest worker in the Louisiana State Nurses' Association for the uplifting of her profession.

ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL, South Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, mourns greatly its loss of two of its most generous benefactors in the death of Professor W. H. Chandler, secretary of board of trustees since its foundation, and Mr. Robert Heysham Sayre, also a prominent charter member of the board of trustees, and the donor of a handsome men's surgical ward, which bears his name. Both of these men were deeply interested in the work of the training-school.

AT Rochester, New York, on Saturday, January 5, 1907, Miss Eva Mary Allerton, aged fifty-three years.

Miss Allerton's death occurred at the Homeopathic Hospital, of which institution she had been the superintendent for nearly seventeen years. She had been incapacitated from active work since November 20, 1905, and had remained at the hospital as a patient during her long period of invalidism. Miss Allerton was born at Mount Union, Ohio. She was a descendant of Isaac Allerton, one of the Mayflower pioneers. She was a member of the Society of Mayflower descendants, and was exceptionally well read in Colonial history. She graduated from the Boston Training-School connected with the Massachusetts General Hospital in 1885, began her work as a graduate nurse with Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, at Philadelphia, was superintendent of the training-school of the Alleghany General Hospital, and assumed the position of superintendent of the Rochester Homeopathic Hospital on January 22, 1900. Miss Allerton was widely known for her admirable work in hospital management. She was a woman of few words, whose power to achieve was expressed in action. The successful development of the Homeopathic Hospital in Rochester was largely due to her ability and untiring devotion to its interests. She possessed qualities of brain, mind, and heart far above the average. She had the courage and the power to carry through large undertakings in a broad, liberal way, combined with the art of paying attention to the smallest detail. She had a keen appreciation of the needs of the unfortunate, and the

power to arouse the generosity and the sympathies of the wealthy in their behalf. She did much to raise the standards of hospital and training-school administration in Western New York, and her influence in broader circles was always in the direction of progress and the uplifting of her profession.

Miss Allerton was best known outside of Rochester as the chairman of the legislative committee which carried the bill for the State registration of nurses in New York to a successful issue. Without her knowledge of affairs and of political methods, it is doubtful if the nurses of the State could have carried this measure in one year. This work was done by Miss Allerton under tremendous nervous strain, and she felt herself that the effort and excitement of the legislative campaign, combined with her exacting duties in the hospital, hastened the development of the disease which finally caused her death.

Miss Allerton was a charter member of the American Society of Superintendents of Training-Schools for Nurses, of the Alumnæ Association of the Massachusetts General Hospital, of the New York State Nurses' Association, and of the Monroe County Nurses' Association. She was also one of the group of women who helped to make THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING possible, by being one of the first subscribers for a share of stock in the company. Her loss to the profession and to her many warm personal friends is inestimable.